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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: ITALIAN VIEWS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

SUMMARY: APART FROM WELCOMING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE EARLY OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND TO OBTAIN INDICATION OF ITS VIEWS OF THE WORLD AND POLICIES, ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT SEES VISIT AS OCCASION TO DESCRIBE ITALY'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION AND PROBLEMS, TO EXPLAIN MEASURES AND POLICIES UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENT, AND, ABOVE ALL, TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT. ON INTERNATIONAL SIDE, ANDREOTTI WILL WANT CLEAR CONFIRMATION THAT U.S. SUPPORTS INCLUSION OF ITALY AMONG PARTICIPANTS IN ECONOMIC SUMMIT AND INDICATION OF U.S. VIEWS ON NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. ON POLITICAL SIDE, ITALIANS WILL BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR ANY INDICATION OF WHAT OUR POLICY ON PCI WILL CHANGE UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 19 AT AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL DINNER, PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI TOLD DCM THAT HE EXPECTED THAT DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT THEY WOULD DISCUSS ITALIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION. WE EXPECT THAT HE WILL DESCRIBE ITALIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION, EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN IN GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC STABILIZATION PROGRAM TO SET BASIS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH WITHIN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSTRAINTS, AND
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH IMF ON STANDBY AGREEMENT. ANDREOTTI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE POLICY OF (A) ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAISE OF EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN AND SUCCESSES ACHIEVED THUS FAR PLUS (B) EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO ITALY WHEN AND AS NEEDED. ANDREOTTI AND HIS MINISTERS WILL NOT EXPECT REVERSAL OF U.S. POLICY OF STANDING BEHIND AND WAITING UPON

CONCLUSION OF STANDBY AGREEMENT WITH IMF AS CONDITION FOR ANY POSSIBLE U.S. ASSISTANCE.

2. THIS WILL BE IN EFFECT A REPEAT PERFORMANCE FOR ANDREOTTI, WHO COVERED ESSENTIALLY SAME GROUND IN VISIT TO BONN AT BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK AND OBTAINED STRONG PRAISE AND SUPPORT FROM CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT. GOI WOULD VIEW INDICATION THAT U.S. SUPPORT IS ANY LESS THAN THAT EXPRESSED BY FRG WITH CONCERN.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE OUR TWO-PRONGED POLICY OF MAINTAINING THE PRESSURE ON GOI TO CARRY OUT STRONG ECONOMIC STABILIZATON POLICY (USING NECESSITY OF CONCLUDING AGREEMENT WITH IMF AS MAIN LEVER) WHILE CON- CURRENTLY EXPRESSING OUR SATISFACTION WITH ANDREOTTI GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE THUS FAR AND SUPPORT OF ITS EFFORTS.

4. ON POLITICAL SIDE, WHICH IS CLOSELY INTERTWINED WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES, ANDREOTTI IS EXPECTED TO DESCRIBE DELICATE AND COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI), STRESSING BOTH NECESSITY FOR DEALING WITH PCI BUT ALSO COMBINED WITH DETERMINATION TO KEEP PCI OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT. AS ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, ANDREOTTI WILL LOOK FOR EXPRESSIONS OF UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF HIS DELICATE BALANCING ACT. IN PARTICULAR, ANDREOTTI -- AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ITALIANS IN GENERAL -- WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY FOR ANY SIGN OR SIGNAL THAT U.S. POLICY VIS-A-VIS PCI WILL CHANGE UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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5. ASIDE FROM DOMESTIC ISSUES, ANDREOTTI WILL WISH DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. HIS MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT ITALY BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. GOI WILL FIRMLY EXPECT TO BE INCLUDED AS IN THE PAST. DECISION TO THE CONTRARY WOULD BE WIDELY INTERPRETED AS BLOW NOT ONLY TO ITALIAN PRESITIGE BUT ALSO AS SIGN OF DISPLEASURE OF NEW ADMINISTRATION WITH ANDREOTTI STEWARDSHIP.

6. FINALLY, ANDREOTTI TOLD DCM THAT HE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS NORTH/SOUTH ISSUE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VIEWS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ISSUE.
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